

REMARKS

In the present amendment, Applicants have amended the paragraph on Page 13 by replacing "C_v" with "C_y" in order to establish consistency with the index "y" discussed in the remainder of the paragraph.

Applicants have also amended Claim 30 to define the claimed invention with greater specificity. Support for the amendment can be found in the Specification, on Page 17, Examples 4-5 of Table I. Consequently, claims 38-41, 46-47 and 49 are canceled. Applicants have deleted the limitation directed to the types of polymeric suds stabilizers from Claim 30 since the limitation does not advance prosecution.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 30-37, 42-45 and 48 are pending.

Rejection Under 35 USC § 102 and § 103:

Claims 30-49 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 USC §102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,990,065 to Vinson et al. (hereinafter "Vinson"); and in the alternative, under 35 USC §103 as allegedly defining obvious subject matter over Vinson.

Applicants respectfully submit that the presently pending Claims 30-37, 42-45 and 48 are not anticipated by nor rendered obvious over Vinson because Vinson is directed to a dishwashing detergent composition comprising organic diamines, whereas the presently claimed invention is directed to a composition that does not contain diamines. A person of ordinary skill in art would not be motivated by Vinson to arrive at a dishwashing composition that is free of diamines.

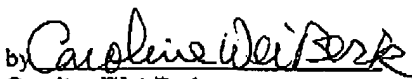
Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest effort to place the present claims in condition for allowance. WHEREFORE, entry of the amendments provided herewith, reconsideration of the claims as amended in light of the Remarks provided, withdrawal of the claims rejections, and allowance of Claims 30-37, 42-45 and 48 are respectfully requested.

In the event that issues remain prior to allowance of the noted claims, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney to discuss any remaining issues.

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